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Chief Executive Officer

June 10, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
SLAUSON AVENUE MEDIAN LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- PHASE 2
FROM WEST OF SHENANDOAH AVENUE TO CORNING AVENUE (NORTH SIDE),
FROM LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD TO LA TIJERA BOULEVARD (SOUTH SIDE),
AND AT OVERHILL DRIVE;
APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 87008; ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
PROJECT I.D. NO. RDC0015007
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LADERA HEIGHTS
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The project is one in a series of street beautification and greening projects in the Second District. The improvements will include landscaping within eight existing raised medians and installation of an irrigation system in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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2. Approve Capital Project No. 87008 scope of work and total project budget of \$1,385,000 for the Slauson Avenue median landscaping improvement project in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights as described herein; and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project.
3. Adopt the plans and specifications for Slauson Avenue Phase 2, from west of Shenandoah Avenue to Corning Avenue (north side), from La Cienega Boulevard to La Tijera Boulevard (south side), and at Overhill Drive at an estimated construction cost of \$930,000.
4. Call for construction contract bids to be received by July 8 2008.
5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to advertise the project, seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with the solicitation of construction contract bids for the Slauson Avenue Phase 2, Capital Project (C.P.) No. 87008, and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project.

The project consists of the installation of an irrigation system and landscaping within eight existing raised medians on Slauson Avenue, from west of Shenandoah Avenue to Corning Avenue (north side), from La Cienega Boulevard to La Tijera Boulevard (south side), and at Overhill Drive in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights. The estimated area of the improvement is 35,300 square feet, and over 3,500 plants and 110 trees will be installed.

The installation of the irrigation system and landscaping of eight medians will be completed by a qualified construction contractor. The construction contract will be awarded to the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder through a competitive bid process as described herein (see Contracting Process). Design of this project was completed by Public Works at a cost of \$185,000, which was funded by the Public Works Road Fund. Upon completion of the contract bid review process, we will return to your Board with recommendations for the award of the construction contract.

Green Building/Sustainable Design

The project will support the intent of your Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design policy by using moderate to drought tolerant landscaping. This will minimize required maintenance services and reduce the amount of irrigation and use of other resources that support maintenance activities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 6, Community Services, of the Countywide Strategic Plan. The project will improve the quality of life for the residents of Ladera Heights by enhancing the aesthetics of the street medians on Slauson Avenue, from west of Shenandoah Avenue to Corning Avenue (north side), from La Cienega Boulevard to La Tijera Boulevard (south side), and at Overhill Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost estimate of \$1,385,000 includes \$185,000 for design services, previously completed by Public Works staff and financed by the Public Works Road Fund; and \$1,200,000 for construction services funded by one-time net County cost allocated for Enhanced Unincorporated Area Services.

The project's construction budget of \$1,200,000 includes funding of \$930,000 for a construction contract; \$85,000 for change order contingency; and \$185,000 for County Services, which includes project management, construction engineering, survey services, and construction technical support.

Sufficient appropriation to fund the project construction is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposed Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget under C.P. No. 87008.

The Project Schedule and Project Budget Summary are included in Attachment A.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on current Salary and Employee Benefits/Maintenance Contractor rates, the annual ongoing cost to maintain the improvements is estimated at \$24,000. This cost is anticipated to be incurred beginning in Fiscal Year 2008-09. Sufficient appropriation will be requested in the Second District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget Request to fund the required maintenance.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Your Board's approval of the Capital Project is required to authorize the expenditure of the Capital Project funds for this project. The project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2008 and be completed in January 2009.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works. A standard contract, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal Income Tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The installation of an irrigation system and landscaping within the existing raised medians project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and 15304(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. These exemptions provide for the minor work on existing medians.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted based on an open competitive process. The contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code. The notice inviting bids is included as Attachment B.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before recommending award of the contract.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to (1) comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) report solicitation of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if

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it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and (4) comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended action will improve the quality of life for the residents of Ladera Heights by enhancing the aesthetics of the street medians on Slauson Avenue, from west of Shenandoah Avenue to Corning Avenue (north side), from La Cienega Boulevard to La Tijera Boulevard (south side), and at Overhill Drive.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted, stamped copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; one to the Public Works, Programs Development Division and Construction Division; and return the sealed plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

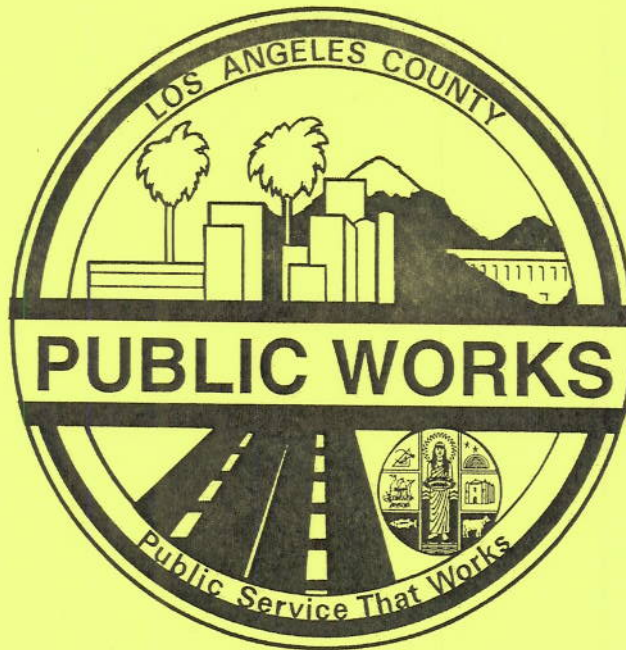


WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

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County Counsel
Department of Public Works
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE INVITING BIDS, AG. NO. 47 OF 6/10/08
DATE

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

AND

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SAMPLE AGREEMENT By [Signature], Deputy

FOR

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015007

SLAUSON AVENUE - PHASE II

Approved, DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU, Acting Director of Public Works

By [Signature: Patrick V. Celletti]
Deputy Director

5-07-2008
Date

ATTACHMENT A

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program Validation	N/A
Design	04/19/07*
Construction Contract Award	08/19/08
Construction	
Field Acceptance	04/14/09
Final Acceptance	06/17/09

*Actual completion date.

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Proposed Total Project Budget	Proposed C.P. No. 87008 Budget	Public Works Road Fund Budget
Land Acquisition	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction			
(a) Construction	\$930,000	\$930,000	N/A
(b) Change Orders	\$ 85,000	\$85,000	N/A
Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plans and Specifications	N/A	N/A	N/A
Consultant Services	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Services	\$ 370,000	\$185,000	\$185,000
TOTAL	\$1,385,000	\$1,200,000	\$185,000

Attachment B
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SLAUSON AVENUE - PHASE II
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accordance with Section 20392 of the Public Contract Code:

Publish: At least ten consecutive times, prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two consecutive times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in four weeks.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the construction of landscaping, an irrigation system, and rock veneer; and the performance of other appurtenant work under Project ID No. RDC0015007, Slauson Avenue - Phase II, in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights.

The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between \$825,000 and \$975,000 and shall be completed in 60 working days. The work requires a California Class A or C27 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Harry Cong at (626) 458-3111.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for \$18, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$22, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible bidder is a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated June 10, 2008.

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

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